



# Press Release

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## **Press Release** **July 28, 2015**

On July 27, 2015, at 10:45 hours LakeMetro Parks Rangers responded to a call of an attempted rape of 14 year old female by her uncle at Helen Wyman Park in Concord. The rangers immediately conducted an extensive search of the area around Helen Wyman Park on three occasions yesterday morning, including the Greenway trail, and the reported residence of the suspect Juan Emmanuel Razo, a 35 year old male (DOB 12-11-1979) at 21 Lusard Street in Painesville, Ohio. The rangers located his vehicle and the vehicle was impounded. Rangers were able to determine initially that there was no weapon involved in the reported rape attempt, and that the suspect did not have a criminal history at the time of the search.

As MetroPark rangers were working on an arrest warrant for the suspect, the Lake County Sheriff's Office received a call at 2:43 pm that a woman had been shot on the Lake MetroParks Greenway bike path in Concord Township, Ohio. Sheriff's Office deputies responded and were made aware by EMS responder from the Painesville Township Fire Department that the injury to the female victim was more than a shot from a BB gun.

Immediately Deputy Sheriff's using an armored vehicle searched the bike path for any additional victims over concerns that there was a possible active shooter in the wooded area along the bike path. At this time a reverse 9-1-1 call was made to a ½ mile area around the area advising residents to stay in their homes while the search was in progress.

Finding no additional victims along the bike path, Deputy Sheriffs and MetroParks Rangers began a search of the surrounding area for the person responsible for the shooting. These officers were joined quickly by K-9 units from the Fairport Harbor and Perry Village Police Departments.

The shooting victim was identified as 40 year old female from Painesville. She had been transported to Tri-Point hospital by Painesville Township rescue for treatment of a gunshot wound to the left arm that was not life threatening.

At approximately 4:10pm one of the Deputy Sheriff's in the search area was approached by William Kostelnik. Mr. Kostelnik informed him that he had just returned to his home at 6273 Ravenna Rd. and found his wife Margaret deceased inside the home. 6273 Ravenna Rd. is located almost directly behind the location where female victim had been shot on Greenway Trail. When officers responded they search the home but did not find the suspect. However, Mrs. Kostelnik, age 60, was found to be deceased from apparent gunshot wounds.

At approximately 4:30pm the Sheriff's Office dispatch center received a call from a resident on Palmer Rd. in Concord Twp. who reported that he observed a male standing at the rear of his property who appeared to be holding a long gun of some sort. He described the male as being Hispanic and wearing jeans and a t-shirt.

Officers from the search area immediately responded to the area to narrow their search for the suspect. At approximately 4:49 hours three members of the search team, all Deputy Sheriff's and members of the SWAT team, found and engaged the suspect who pointed his gun at them and appears to have fired his weapon at them. The deputies returned fire and the suspect took cover behind a large rock area. After being ordered to surrender the suspect gave himself up to the responding officers.

The suspect was identified as Juan Emmanuel Razo, a 35 year old male (DOB 12-11-1979), reportedly living at a residence at 21 Lusard St. in Painesville, Ohio. The suspect is being held in the Lake County jail and will be arraigned on today at 3 pm in Painesville Municipal Court. Razo will be charged with one count of Attempted Murder. The Lake County Prosecutor's Office will be reviewing additional charges

Sheriff Dan Dunlap, Lake MetroParks Chief Ranger Daniel Llewellyn, and Painesville Police Chief Anthony Powalio will be conducting a press conference this morning at 10 am here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office concerning the facts of this case.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake MetroParks Rangers would like to thank all area law enforcement and fire agencies who responded to yesterday's incident, including the: Painesville and Concord Township Fire departments, Painesville Police Department, Fairport Police Department, Perry Village Police Department, Ohio State Patrol, Lake County Prosecutor's Investigators, US Marshall's Office, Painesville FBI agents, Lake County Coroner's office, and the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

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